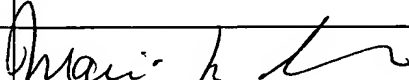




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<b>PETITION TO REVIVE ABANDONED APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)</b>  Address to:  Mail Stop Petition Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket	GUID-008CON2
	Confirmation No.	2852
	First Named Inventor	Benetti
	Application Number	10/670,152
	Filing Date	09/24/2003
	Group Art Unit	3733
	Examiner Name	Philogene, Pedro
	Title	Xyphoid Access for Surgical Procedures

Sir:

Applicants, by way of this Petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b), request revival of the above-captioned application, which is currently abandoned, and that the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith be entered, together with the Amendment filed concurrently herewith, as well as the Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 filed on June 29, 2006, for consideration by the Examiner.

The petition fee as set forth in 37CFR 1.17(m) is also included herewith.

Applicants state that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the final due date for the reply until the filing of this petition was unintentional.

RELIEF REQUESTED

Accordingly, the Commissioner is respectfully requested to revive the present application from the holding of abandonment and resume examination of the present application on the merits, by considering the contents of the Request for Continued Examination and Amendment filed concurrently herewith, as well as the Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 filed on June 29, 2006.

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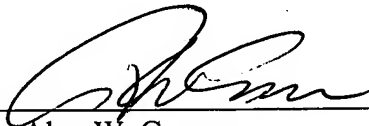
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No fees in addition to those mentioned above in this petition are believed to be due. However, if for any reason a fee should be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2653, order number GUID-008CON2.

Respectfully submitted,  
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